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JUNE 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GEN. ALEXANDER HAIG

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

SUBJECT: NATO TRIP

TO CONFIRM OUT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, I CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION TO INVITE SELECTED BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO THE NATO COUNCIL (HEADS OF STATE LEVEL) MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

I ASSUME THEY WOULD DEPART WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON JUNE 25, OVERNIGHT THAT DAY, PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE 26 PROCEEDINGS, OVERNIGHT AGAIN ON THE 26 AND RETURN TO THE U.S. IN HENRY'S AIRCRAFT ON THE 27TH. SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND NATO SCHEDULE WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED FOR MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

IF THIS TRIP IS APPROVED, THE PRESIDENT COULD INVITE THE LEADERS AT THURSDAY'S BIPARTISAN MEETING (AFTER PRIOR CONSULATION BY THIS OFFICE) AND SEVERAL DETAILED PRE-TRIP BRIEFINGS COULD BE CONDUCTED BY STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS SO THE LEADERS COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENT.

MY SUGGESTED LIST:

MIKE MANSFIELD	HUGH SCOTT
JOHN STENNIS	STROM THURMOND
WILLIAM FULBRIGHT	GEORGE AIKEN
CARL ALBERT --	JOHN RHODES
THOMAS MORGAN	PETER FRELINGHUYSEN
EDWARD HEBERT	WILLIAM BRAY

-- OF THIS GROUP ONLY THE SPEAKER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DESIGNATE

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